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i.e., when the belt portions are connected to each other on the belly of the wearer, it is difficult to know in which way the diaper part of the article is fit on the user, since one cannot visually see how the article fits on the back. When the front portion is attached against the belt portions, it can easily happen that the article, if it has ended up wrong around the wearer, not provide the guard it is intended to provide and maybe cause discomfort to the wearer.--.

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 12 as follows:

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--The topsheet 3 and the backsheet 2 have a somewhat greater extension in the plane than the absorbent body 4 and extend outside the edges thereof. The topsheet 2 and backsheet 3 are connected to each other within the projecting portions thereof, e.g., by gluing or welding by heat or ultrasonic.--;

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 and bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

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--The diaper/incontinence guard is intended to enclose the lower part of the wearer's trunk like a pair of absorbent pants. It comprises a front portion 5, intended during use to be worn on the front part of the user's body, a rear portion 6, intended during use to be worn on the rear part of the user's body, and a crotch portion 7 located between the front and rear portions and which is intended to be worn in the crotch part of the user between the legs. The front portion 5 exhibits second

B4 fastening means 8 such as tape tabs, or hook and loop fasteners.

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 6 as follows:

B5 - A pair of belt portions 9, 10 are with one end attached, e.g., glued or ultrasonically welded, to the rear portion 6 of the diaper. The belt portions 9, 10 are with their opposite ends intended to be fastened together by means of first fastening means 11, e.g. a hook-and-loop type fastener or tape tabs, intended to be attached against the outsides of the opposite belt portion. The second fastening means 8 of the front portion 5, such as for instance hook and loop fasteners or tape tabs, is intended to be attached against the outside of the belt portions 9, 10 in order to fasten together the diaper/incontinence guard to the desired pantlike shape. -;

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 as follows:

B6 - The width of the belt portions 9, 10 should be between 3-20 cm, preferably between 7-15 cm. The belt portions 9, 10 comprise according to an embodiment a laminate, wherein a carrier material forms the outside of the belt and a soft nonwoven forms the inside of the belt, intended to be in direct contact with the skin of the user. A suitable nonwoven material can be a spunbond material of e.g., polypropylene or polyethylene fibres. Conjugate fibres may also be used. Another suitable nonwoven material can be a carded thermobonded material of e.g.,

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polypropylene, polyester or conjugate fibres. A plastic film or another suitable material e.g., nonwoven, may be used as carrier material. The carrier material should be adapted to function as a reception surface for both the fastening means 8 and 11, wherein in the case where these are tape tabs, a plastic film is suitable. In the case wherein other kind of fastening means is used of tape tabs, e.g., a hook and loop type fastener, another kind of carrier material is used, in particular a nonwoven material, which can act as a reception surface for the fastening means in question. Separate reception surfaces for fastening means could also be arranged on the outside of the belt. --.

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 as follows:

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-- The belt portions 9, 10 are each provided with at least one indicium 12. The indicia 12 on the opposite belt portions are symmetrically placed in the longitudinal direction of the belt portions 9, 10, on a certain distance from the attachment 13 of each belt portion 9, 10 to the rear portion 6 of the diaper/incontinence guard. Thus, each indicium 12 on one belt portion 9 has its corresponding indicium on the opposite belt portion 10, placed on essentially the same distance from the attachment 13 of each belt portion 9, 10 to the rear portion 6 of the article. Upon application of the article belt portions 9, 10 are first attached around the waist of the wearer and said indicia 12 on the different belt portions are fitted against each